General Principles

The College accepts credit from American University’s Washington Semester Program toward a Duquesne degree from the College. Other schools at Duquesne University may do the same. Students should check with their respective schools to insure that their school will accept credits from American University’s Washington Semester Program toward a degree from that school. Departments in the College approve courses from American that apply to their respective major requirements. Other schools at Duquesne University may require the same.

Students must have earned at least 60 credits and have at least a 2.5 QPA to be eligible to apply to study at American University’s Washington Semester Program.

Duquesne awards credit for courses, as follows:

- Internship 4
- Seminar 8
- Elective course or research 4

Financial Arrangements

Students pay Duquesne tuition for credit toward a Duquesne degree. Students pay an additional fee equal to the difference between Duquesne’s tuition and the total costs of American University’s Washington Semester Program, including tuition, room and board (if applicable) and other fees. Duquesne pays American University’s tuition, room and board, and other fees. Tuition waivers (for Duquesne employees and members of their families), tuition exchanges (through the Commission on Independent Colleges, The Tuition Exchange, or similar organizations), and tuition discounts do not apply to the Washington Semester Program.

Students arrange and pay for their own transportation and other expenses.

Duquesne encourages students to apply to the Washington Semester Program for special scholarships for participation in that program.

Administration

- Students, with the assistance of their academic advisers, prepare their applications to American University’s Washington Semester Program by the published deadlines. Be sure to apply as a student from a Member School. Duquesne University is a Member School in the Washington Semester Program.
- Once the student or College receives an acceptance students register for CLPRG 303, “Washington DC Intern—AU,” for the term.
- Students fill out a pre-registration form, copies of which go to the registrar, departmental adviser, academic adviser, and the student. The departmental adviser, in accordance with accepted policy, reviews the form to approve credit toward the major. The academic advisor reviews the form to insure that students are registering for sufficient credits.
- Once American University’s registrar sends an official transcript from the Washington Semester Program to Duquesne University and the student completes an evaluation form and essay, the College or directs Duquesne’s registrar to record the course numbers, titles, and grades, and to award credit toward the degree.